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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, NATO, MARR, PFOR

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF ALLIES CONCERNING CHANGES IN US  
FORCE ALERT POSTURE

REFS: A. USNATO 4855; B. USNATO 6677; C. STATE 123453  
(1974); D. STATE 077481(1975); E. STATE 229494 (1975);  
F. USNATO 3422

1. DEPT APPRECIATES POINTS RAISED REFTTEL A, WHICH IS ONE  
OF SEVERAL INPUTS UNDER STUDY IN AN ONGOING REVIEW OF  
ALLIED (AND OTHER) NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.

2. FOR THE PRESENT, REFTTEL C, AS MODIFIED BY REFTTEL D AND  
IMPLEMENTED BY REFTTEL E, IS STANDING GUIDANCE ON THIS  
SUBJECT. UNLESS A SITUATION OCCURS WHEREIN PRESCRIBED  
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PROCEDURES ARE DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE, DEPT INTENDS TO  
UTILIZE THESE STANDING PROCEDURES TO EFFECT NOTIFICATION  
OF ALLIES.

3. THE INTENT OF THE ABOVE CITED STANDING GUIDANCE IS TO  
RETAIN DEPARTMENTAL CONTROL OF NOTIFICATIONS OF DEFCON  
CHANGES FROM FIVE TO FOUR AND VICE VERSA. FOR THE PRESENT,

WHILE PROCEDURES ARE UNDER REVIEW, USNATO IS AUTHORIZED  
TO NOTIFY ALLIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING GUIDANCE,  
OF ALL CHANGES TO OR FROM DEFCON THREE (OR HIGHER) INCLUD-  
ING STAND-DOWN FROM DEFCON THREE (OR HIGHER) TO DEFCON  
FOUR (OR FIVE). CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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